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SUBJECT: UN APARTHEID COMMITTEE: REMARKS OF NIGERIAN PERM REP

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LAGOS 2656 (NOTAL)

1. AMBASSADOR SHERER MET WITH NIGERIAN PERM REP HARRIMAN
AT UN MARCH 5. AMBASSADOR SHERER TOLD HARRIMAN THAT, ON
INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT, HE WISHED TO EXPRESS
OUR DEEP CONCERN OVER HARRIMAN'S STATEMENT IN THE APARTHEID
COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 27. AMBASSADOR SHERER ASKED HARRIMAN
WHETHER HE REALLY FELT THAT AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN HAD HAD
ANYTHING TO DO WITH INSPIRING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
MUHAMMED. HARRIMAN SAID THAT THIS CERTAINLY WAS NOT
THE INTENTION OF HIS STATEMENT. AMBASSADOR SHERER REPLIED
THAT THIS IMPLICATION NEVERTHELESS WAS WHAT WAS UNDERSTOOD BY
MISSION OFFICER AND ALL THOSE HAVING ATTENDED WHO HAD SPOKEN
TO US. FURTHER, NIGERIA'S INFORMATION MINISTRY HAD
ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE WHICH CONVEYED THE SAME FLAVOR
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(LAGOS 2656 (USUN 4107)) (NOTAL). AGAIN, HARRIMAN EXPLAINED

THAT THIS HAD NOT BEEN HIS INTENTION.

2. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH HIS STATEMENT ALLEGING THAT
AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN HAD NAMED NIGERIA AND GUINEA AS
ASSISTING SOVIET DESIGNS ON AFRICA, HARRIMAN AGAIN RE-
TREATED, SAYING THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO DO MORE RESEARCH
CONCERNING WHAT SPECIFICALLY AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN HAD SAID.

3. FYI: UKUN INFORMS US THAT IS, TOO, HAS PROTESTED TO
NIGERIAN MISSION OVER NIGERIAN PRESS RELEASE ALLEGING
BRITISH COMPLICITY IN PLOT.

4. BRITISH, FRENCH AND BELGIANS (BELGIAN ATTENDED FEBRUARY 27
MEETING) ALL WERE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT WE WERE APPROACHING
HARRIMAN CONCERNING HIS REMARKS.

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